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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for <u>Rethink Food Fleet</u> in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Rethink Food NYC, Inc., located at 75 Broad St., Floor 7 Suite 707, New York, NY, 10004. The funding would be used to acquire two refrigerated vehicles to expand capacity for Rethink Food to safely preserve and distribute fresh foods to the organization's network of 12 community based organizations serving food-insecure residents of my district.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because acquiring two refrigerated vehicles will be used to transport excess fresh food from donors that otherwise would not be preserved for use, as well as to deliver meals and preservation products to community based organizations serving food-insecure neighborhoods. Rethink Food has maintained a robust, highly effective food distribution program and this expansion project is strongly supported by local communities, stakeholders, and elected officials.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Department of Housing and Urban Development – CDBG Economic Development Initiative (EDI) 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) related to the acquisition or installation of improvements.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Dan Goldman Member of Congress